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Gentlemen:

Dr. Theodor Sterling has obtained data tapes from the continuing U. S. veterans mortality study (the "Dorn study") and the 1970 Household Interview Survey conducted by the National Center for Health Statistics (which collected earlier information used in the much-publicized "morbidity study"). His analyses of these materials should produce valuable and generally ignored information on occupational and familial exposure to diseases, morbidity prevalence, the influence of self-selection and the like.

As I indicated in my February 15, 1974, letter to you, this review will require additional funds. For the present, Dr. Sterling has asked for \$11,480 to cover the costs of a programmer and computer time. This will enable him to organize the data and reach some preliminary conclusions.

We strongly recommend approval of this request and suggest drawing the funds from the existing authorization for a microchemical environment conference (\$20,000). This conference, which was to have been held in Israel, appears to be a dead issue for various reasons. We were previously authorized to divert \$8,280 from this fund, leaving \$11,720. This is enough to cover the present request.

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Dr. Sterling's proposal is enclosed. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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